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SUBJ: PASSENGER SHIPPING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN:
SECURITY THREAT TO AMERICAN TOURISTS

REF: STATE 72849

1. EMB OFF DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF NATIONAL SECURITY WHO APPRECIATED OUR CONCERN.
DIRECTOR GENERAL WAS NOT PERSONALLY FAMILIAR WITH
SPECIFIC SECURITY MEASURES TAKEN BY SUBORDINATE
AUTHORITIES. HOWEVER, HE ASSURED EMB OFF THAT IN THE
EVENT OF ANY SPECIFIC INDICATION OF RISK WE WOULD HAVE
FULL COOPERATION AT ALL LEVELS OF TUNISIAN SECURITY
APPARATUS TO ASSURE SAFETY OF VESSEL AND PASSENGERS.

2. COMMENT: AS DEPT AWARE, GOT PERFORMANCE IN
RESPONSE TO PAST USG SECURITY REQUESTS HAS BEEN
EXCELLENT. WE SEE NO REASON NOT TO EXPECT SIMILAR
PERFORMANCE IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, TUNISIANS DO NOT
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RPT NOT THINK THEIR PORTS ARE LIKELY SITES FOR

TERRORIST ACTIVITIES ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT LOW VOLUME
OF TOURSHIP VISITS, AND THEIR USUAL SECURITY PRACTICES
UNDOUBTEDLY FALL SHORT OF BLANKET PROTECTION OF
SHIPS AND PASSENGERS. GIVEN SPECIFIC ADVANCE WORD
OF SPECIAL RISK, GOT PRECAUTIONS WOULD BE STRENGTHENED
APPRECIABLY.
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